

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for setting at least one stone (5) having a girdle (9) in a piece of metal (1), said method comprising the following steps:

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~piercing~~ at least one hole (2) is ~~pierced~~ in the piece of metal (1) for receiving the stone,

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~placing~~ a stone (5) is ~~placed~~ in each hole (2),

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~applying~~ a tool (6) is applied perpendicularly to the ~~a~~ surface of the piece of metal and close to the ~~a~~ periphery of each hole (2), ~~the~~ an end of said tool (6) having a tip (12) for pushing back a lip (8) of metal onto the girdle (9) of the stone, and forming at least one indentation (11) comprising at least one light-reflecting facet.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the tool is applied manually.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that wherein the tool is applied mechanically.

4. (Currently Amended) A tool (6) for carrying out the method as claimed in one of claims 1-3, characterized in that it has comprising at its end at least one convergent surface ending in a tip (12).

5. (Currently Amended) The tool (6) as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that wherein the tool (6) has at its the end a conical form ending in at the tip.

6. (Currently Amended) The tool (6) as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that wherein the tool (6) has at its the end a tetrahedral form ending in at the tip.

7. (Currently Amended) The tool (6) as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that wherein the tool (6) has at its the end several facets converging toward at the tip.

8. (Currently Amended) The tool (6) as claimed in one of claims 4-7, characterized in that wherein the tip of the tool has a radius of 0.2 to 0.5 mm.

9. (Currently Amended) A product such as a jewel or timekeeper comprising a piece of metal-(1) on which is placed at least one stone-(5) having a girdle, ~~said product being characterized in that it exhibits the product comprising~~, around at least one stone-(5), at least one indentation having a facet impressed into ~~thea~~ surface of the piece of metal-(1), forming a lip that covers the girdle-(9) of the stone-(5).

10. (Currently Amended) The product as claimed in claim 9, ~~characterized in that the~~wherein an entire surface of the piece of metal-(1) bounded by two or more stones-(5) is impressed with indentations-(11).